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IN REPLY REFER TO
5000-46
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14 Jun 19

FIRST ENDORSEMENT on (b)(6) CI 1300 CO of 29 May 19

From: Inspector-Instructor

To: Commanding General, Force Headquarters Group

Subj: COMMAND INVESTIGATION INTO THE FACTS AND CIRCUMSTANCES REGARDING THE
SOCIAL MEDIA POST INVOLVING AN IMAGE OF FOUR MARINES IN UNIFORM MAKING
THE SYMBOL OF A SWASTIKA WITH THEIR BOOTS THAT OCCURRED ON OR ABOUT 26
APRIL 2019

Ref: (d) Uniform Code of Military Justice (UCMJ), MCM (2019 ed.)

Encl: (1) Command Legal Endorsement on CI dated 7 Jun 19
(2) Equal Opportunity Endorsement on CI dated 7 Jun 19
(3) Major Hughes' CI 1300 CO of 29 May 19

1. I have reviewed (b)(6) Command Investigation (CI) and concur with
his opinions and recommendations.

2. I recommend that Private First Class (PFC) Schroader

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3. PFC Schroader, by this singular act, had a highly negative impact on the
unit and discredited the Marine Corps. His conduct was prejudicial to good
order and discipline and not in keeping with our ethos. He displayed
ignorance and poor judgement and when this happens on social media the
consequences can be far reaching and catastrophic. PFC Schroader failed to
grasp those consequences and how his new identity as a Marine means he
represents all Marines in the perception of his conduct regardless of the
intent. He should absolutely be held accountable.

4. This act, and his previous misconduct at entry level training, demonstrate
a pattern of misconduct and inability to adapt. PFC Schroader doesn't show
any affiliation with dissident groups or criminal gangs. However his behavior
affiliated the Marine Corps and himself with such organizations and beliefs
in a way that was prejudicial to the good order and discipline of the unit
and discredited the Marine Corps in the eyes of the country. He joined the
Marine Corps seeking connection and belonging but failed to uphold our Corps
Values. His poor performance and judgement is a liability to the service and
the unit and

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5. I request the DASH report associated with this case is closed. Point of
Contact is

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